

Amendment No. 2 to HJR0004

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AMEND

House Joint Resolution No. 4*

By deleting all of the language after the preamble and by substituting instead the following:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that there is hereby created a special joint committee to study issues relating to the investigation and prosecution of unsolved civil rights crimes and cold cases from the civil rights era.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee shall make recommendations concerning the desirability of a statutorily established commission or other appropriate means to conduct investigations and prosecutions of these heinous civil rights crimes that may still take place.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special joint committee shall consist of three (3) members of the House of Representatives and three (3) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special joint committee shall meet only on days in which the General Assembly has scheduled a floor session to consider legislation or on days standing committees of the General Assembly are scheduled to meet.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One Hundred Sixth General Assembly no later than May 1, 2010, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.